

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2731 - HB 3120

February 18, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Enters the state in the Interstate Nurse Licensure Compact. A practicing registered nurse or licensed practical nurse licensed by the home state (the nurse's primary state of residence) would be recognized by every party state (any state adopting this compact) as a multistate licensure privilege to practice in each party state. Applicants must meet the home state's requirements for licensure and renewal and comply with state practice laws of the state where the nurse practices. Party states are permitted to limit or revoke the licensure privilege and must notify the administrator of the coordinated licensure information system, who would notify the nurse's home state of such action. The licensing board of a remote state (any state other than the home state) would be required to notify the compact administrator of the factual and legal basis for any adverse action. The administrator would notify the nurse's home state of such action. Only the home state could take adverse action against the license issued by the home state. All states would participate in an effort to create a coordinated database of all licensed registered nurses and licensed practical nurses, which would include a licensure and disciplinary history on each nurse in that state. The head of the nurse licensing board each state would be the administrator of this compact for that state.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Decrease State Revenues - Not Significant

Estimate assumes any expenditure required to participate in the program will not be significant. The "coordinated licensure information system" has already been created at the national level.

Bill may reduce the amount of licensure revenue received by the state, since licensure in any participating state would allow a licensed nurse to practice in any participating state. However, a nurse must be licensed in their state of residence. Any impact on state revenues is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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